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FCC TO HOLD BROADBAND ACCELERATION CONFERENCE Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Spur Broadband Buildout

Washington, D.C. – On February 9, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission will take another step to further the goal of connecting all parts of America to the digital age by convening leaders from federal, state and local governments, broadband providers, telecommunications carriers, tower companies, equipment suppliers, and utility companies to identify opportunities to remove regulatory and other barriers to broadband buildout.

Participants will discuss creative approaches that have been utilized to overcome challenges and foster cooperative, win-win situations in rights-of-way, pole attachment and tower sitings. The conference also will explore how innovative technologies and applications, such as smart grid and intelligent transportation systems, and forward-looking policies, such as “dig once” mandates and leveraging public infrastructure to increase wireless communication capacity, can spur broadband deployment and drive economic growth and job creation.

Speakers will include Phil Weiser, Senior Advisor to the National Economic Council, Director for Technology and Innovation; Peter Appel, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Department of Transportation; and Scott Blake Harris, General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

The conference is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The conference will be free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, those attending are asked to pre-register by submitting their name, title, organizational affiliation and contact information to broadband@fcc.gov. The conference will be webcast live at <http://reboot.fcc.gov/live/> and questions during the event can be sent to broadband@fcc.gov or using the hashtag #broadbandnow on Twitter.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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